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SUBJ: BUSINESS TRAVEL OF CARLOS FREYMAN

REF: STATE 198159

THIS STATE TELEGRAM (REFTEL) ARRIVED HERE SATURDAY AM REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS FOR FREYMAN WHO WAS TO ARRIVE THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY PM. MONDAY THE EMBASSY BEGAN EFFORTS TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AS REQUESTED.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY WERE CONFIRMED WITH FABIO VILLACIA, FOREIGN COMMERCE INSTITUTE (ICE), AND HECTOR SANTAELLA VENEZUELAN EXPORTER'S ASSOCIATION. (AVEX) THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH INFORMATION AND TOURISM MINISTER ARRIAS WAS STILL PENDING WHEN MR. FREYMAN WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE.

2. MR. FREYMAN ARRIVED THE MORNING OF AUGUST 24 AND THROUGH CONTACT WITH FRIENDS IN CARACAS, ARRANGED TO MEET MR. SANTAELLA'S SECOND-IN-COMMAND AT AVEX. LATER THE SAME MORNING, MR. FREYMAN ADVISED THE CONTROL OFFICER THAT HE WAS AT ICE WAITING TO SEE DR. VILLACIS.

3. IN A VISIT TO THE EMBASSY THAT AFTERNOON, MR. FREYMAN INDICATED THAT HE WAS LEAVING TOWN THE FOLLOWING DAY. WHEN INFORMED OF EMBASSY'S CONTINUING ATTEMPTS TO SECURE APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER ARRIAS, MR. FREYMAN STATED THAT HE NO LONGER WISHED AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE MINISTER.

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4. EMBASSY IS NORMALLY RELUCTANT TO ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE NON-OFFICIAL U.S. VISITOR'S APPOINTMENT SCHEDULES, BECAUSE OF THE EFFORT FREQUENTLY WASTED ON NO-SHOWS. IN ADDITION, APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE EMBASSY WHICH ARE BROKEN (OR AS IN THIS CASE, ARE RESCHEDULED BY THE VISITOR WITHOUT THE EMBASSY BEING INFORMED) DAMAGE THE EMBASSY'S CREDIBILITY, AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT

TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS IN CASE OF SERIOUS NEED.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COOPERATION IN SCREENING REQUESTS FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AND LIMITING THEM TO CASES IN WHICH SIGNIFICANT U.S. INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED. SECONDLY, EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT IMPERATIVE THAT VISITORS (ESPECIALLY THOSE SEEKING MINISTERIAL LEVEL APPOINTMENTS) BE ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THE EMBASSY TO COORDINATE THEIR PLANNED ACTIVITIES WITH THE EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY.
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